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LeMay Charges Nixon Plans Left-Wing Cabinet

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LOS ANGELES, Oct. 8 (AP) —Gen. Curtis LeMay said today one reason he joined George Wallace's presidential ticket was that Republican Richard Nixon plans to pack his cabinet with "left wingers."

In a wide-ranging news conference, the former head of the Strategic Air Command also said he still gets inside information through friends in the Pentagon and still knows what "the situation" is.

But LeMay declined to name the "left wingers" and when asked to elaborate on his remarks about the Pentagon he would only say:

"I've only been in politics since last Thursday and I'm not quite sure of my footing."

LeMay, on his first visit to his home city since becoming former Alabama Gov. Wallace's vice presidential running mate, said he used to think Nixon would "do what this country needs.

"Then I saw his proposed cabinet in which every left wing member of the Republican Party was listed" and he "began to wonder what kind of deals Nixon made with the liberal wing."

In reply to questions, LeMay said he picked up names in the Republican presidential candidate's "proposed cabinet" from reading and hearing news reports.

"You know who they are," he said. "If I can't say something good abut them, I won't say anything at all."

He accused Nixon of failing to speak out on issues and failing to "say he'll do some of the things I think are needed. This country needs somebody who will get up on his hind legs and say what they're going to do. Wallace is that man."

LeMay, now retired from the Air Force, said newsmen have distorted his position on use of nuclear weapons.

"I've been subjected to the common tactic of trying to scare the people to death," he said. "The press used this same thing against Goldwater. I expected it."

He referred to Barry Goldwater, Republican candidate for President in 1964.

"My mistake in the past has been trying to be too helpful in explaining my views," LeMay said. Asked to clarify his nuclear position, he said:

"The commander in chief who has this responsibility should use nuclear weapons only at the last possible moment to insure survival of the country. No one wants war of any kind, much less nuclear war."

Court to Hear Reserve Case

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Government attorneys today will seek dismissal of a suit by a Boston reserve unit to prevent their shipment to Vietnam scheduled for Saturday.

The Federal district court in Baltimore will hear the government's motion that the suit filed Thursday by the 513th Maintenance Battalion be dropped. The suit charged that the men had not received adequate training required by army regulation before shipment overseas.